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SOVIET EMBOFF KUBEKIAN ARRIVED AT EMBASSY MIDDAY TODAY (JULY 4) TO DELIVER PERSONAL NOTE TO ME FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR LUNKOV EXTENDING INDEPENDENCE DAY CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAISING RESULTS OF MOSCOW SUMMIT. KUBEKIAN ALSO CONVEYED ORALLY PROPOSAL FROM LUNKOV THAT HE AND I HOLD JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE ON RESULTS OF SUMMIT AT PLACE AND TIME OF MY CHOOSING. KUBEKIAN STRESSED THAT LUNKOV WOULD BE PREPARED AT SUCH PRESS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PERSONAL ROLE OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN MAKING SUMMIT A SUCCESS.

I EXPECT TO SEE LUNKOV AT FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION I AM GIVING THIS EVENING AND SHALL TELL HIM THAT I SHARE HIS PLEASURE AT SUCCESS OF MOSCOW SUMMIT, BUT THAT PRESS CONFERENCE HE SUGGESTS WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. I SHALL POINT OUT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE IN LONDON CONFIDENTIAL

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